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NOTICE

Sub: Applicability and validity of OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) Certificate for admission and document verification for the academic session 2026-2028.

Ref: G.O. No. 10457/Secy/BCW dated 29.06.2026 issued by the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

With reference to the subject and G.O cited above, this is to inform all concerned that the Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, vide G.O No. 10457/Secy/BCW dated 29.06.2026, has issued a directive regarding the validity of OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) Certificates.

Accordingly, it is hereby notified that all applicants (for both B.Ed. and M.Ed. programme) seeking reservation benefits under the OBC Category shall have to produce a valid OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) Certificate issued on or after 1st April, 2026 at the time of document verification. Certificates issued prior to 01.04.2026 will not be considered valid for the purpose of admission for the academic session 2026-28.

This is for information and strict compliance by all concerned.

Sujit Ray
19.09.2026

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No. 1047 /Secy/ BCW

Dated: 29.06.2026

From: - Snajay Bansal, I.A.S
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

To: - The Principal Secretary
Department of Higher Education,
Government of West Bengal,
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake,
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Sub: **Applicability and validity of OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) certificates for admission and document verification process for academic session 2026-27.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I am herewith sharing the directive issued by the DoPT, Government of India vide O.M. No. 36036/2/2013-Estt. (Res-I) dated 31.03.2016 regarding the validity period of OBC certificates in respect of Creamy Layer status of candidates and Memorandum No. 1204-SBCW/MR-67/10 dated 27.07.2015 issued by this Department governing the issuance and validity of OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) certificates (copies enclosed).

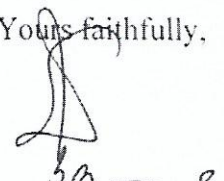
In terms of the aforesaid guidelines, this Department is of the considered view that the community status of candidates possessing an old OBC Certificate and belonging to any of the 66 classes included in the State List of OBCs vide Notification No. 945-BCW/MR-33/2026 dated 18.05.2026 remains permanent and unchanged. However, the Non-Creamy Layer status, being dependent on the economic and service status of the parents of the certificate holder, is subject to periodic determination and remains valid only for the relevant financial year for which the certificate is issued.

Accordingly, every candidate seeking reservation benefits under the OBC category shall produce a valid OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) certificate applicable for the financial year in which the prescribed crucial date or cut-off date set by the admission authority falls, as the eligibility of the candidates for admission and document verification purposes shall be determined with reference to the said date.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully,


Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

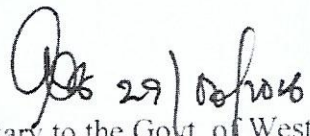
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Copy forwarded for information with a request to ensure that all such applications for issuance of updated State OBC-NCL Certificates for the purpose of seeking admission in colleges and universities shall be processed on a priority basis, so that no deserving OBC candidate is deprived of admission due to procedural delay:

1. The DWO & Ex-officio Joint Director, BCW, Kolkata,
- 2-70. The Sub Divisional Officer, _____ Sub-Division (all).


Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal